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I. Introduction

1. At its first and second meetings, on 14 September 2001, the General Committee considered a memorandum by the Secretary-General relating to the organization of the fifty-sixth regular session and future sessions of the General Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items (A/BUR/56/1 and Add.1). A summary of the discussion will appear in the summary records of the meetings (A/BUR/56/SR.1 and 2).

2. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General in paragraph 3 of his memorandum (A/BUR/56/1), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions contained in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure.

3. The General Committee took note of annex I (Guidelines on the rationalization of the agenda of the General Assembly) to General Assembly resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", the annex to resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system", and paragraph 1 of resolution 52/163 of 15 December 1997, entitled "Amendment to rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly". The provisions of the resolutions are reflected in the present document under the relevant sections.

4. The Committee also took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/264 (A/52/856) and 51/241 (A/52/855).

II. Organization of the session

A. General Committee

5. The General Committee took note of the decisions of the General Assembly relevant to its work that had been brought to its attention by the Secretary-General in paragraph 5 of his memorandum (A/BUR/56/1).

6. The General Committee also took note of paragraph 20 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001, concerning the designation by each Vice-President of the Assembly, at the outset of each session, of a liaison person for the duration of the session, that had been brought to its attention by the Secretary-General in paragraph 5 bis of the addendum to his memorandum (A/BUR/56/1/Add.1).

B. Rationalization of work

7. The General Committee took note of the measures taken by the Secretary-General in pursuance of renewal and reform, in particular recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations,[1] as reflected in his progress reports on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/41/49).

of 19 December 1986, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" (ibid., paras. 7 and 8). The Committee also took note of resolution 48/264, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" and annex I thereto and resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform".

8. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 8), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII), which reads as follows:

> "5. The General Committee should consider, at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly, recommending that certain Main Committees should meet in sequential order, taking into account such matters as the number of meetings required for the consideration of the questions with which they are charged at that session, the organization of the work of the whole session and the problem of participation of small delegations."

9. In this connection, the Committee also draws the Assembly's attention to paragraphs 30, 31 and 36 of the annex to resolution 51/241, which read as follows:

> "30. All Main Committees shall hold brief organizational sessions once the General Assembly has taken decisions on the agenda, before the commencement of the general debate. Bureaux of the Main Committees shall meet earlier to draw up recommendations on the organization and programme of work.
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> "31. The Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate.
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> "36. The First Committee and the Fourth Committee shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas."

10. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 9), the General Committee took note of paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 52/163 of 15 December 1997, which reads as follows:

> "1. *Decides* to amend the first sentence of rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly to read: 'Each Main Committee shall elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur'".

11. The General Committee took note of the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime would be strictly enforced.

C. Opening date of the session

12. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 11), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to its resolution 55/14 of 3 November 2000, by which the Assembly amended rule 1 of the rules of procedure to read as follows:

"The General Assembly shall meet every year in regular session commencing on the Tuesday following the second Monday in September."

D. Closing date of the session

13. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of its rules of procedure, the General Committee recommends to the Assembly that the fifty-sixth session recess not later than Tuesday, 11 December 2001, and close on Monday, 9 September 2002.

14. The General Committee also recommends to the Assembly that the First Committee complete its work by Friday, 9 November, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) by Friday, 16 November, the Sixth Committee by Friday, 23 November, the Third Committee by Wednesday, 28 November, and the Second and Fifth Committees by Friday, 7 December 2001.

E. Schedule of meetings

15. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 13), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that morning meetings start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the fifty-sixth session. The Committee also recommends to the Assembly that, as a cost-saving measure, every effort be made to ensure that plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees, including informals, adjourn by 6 p.m. and that no meetings be held on weekends. The Committee also recommends to the Assembly that this cost-saving measure also apply, for the remainder of 2001, to meetings listed on the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations.

16. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 14), the General Committee recommends that, in order to preclude the late start of meetings, the General Assembly waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly in the case of plenary meetings and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee in the case of Main Committee meetings be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation is made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

17. In this connection, the General Committee also recommends to the General Assembly that delegations be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

F. General debate

18. The General Committee took note of the fact that the general debate would be held from Monday, 24 September, to Friday, 5 October 2001. Subsequently, the General Committee was informed by its Chairman that a possible rescheduling of the general debate was under consideration.

19. The General Committee also noted that the general debate would be held in accordance with the relevant provisions of the annex to resolution 51/241 (paras. 19 and 20 (a) and (e)), which read as follows:

> "19. There shall continue to be only one general debate each year, beginning in the third week of September.
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> "20. The preparation of the list of speakers for the general debate shall be based on the following principles:
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> "(a) The general debate shall be organized over a period of two weeks so as to maximize possibilities for interministerial contacts;
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> ...
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> "(e) The list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be rolled over to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work."

20. The General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 21 of the annex to resolution 51/241, which reads as follows:

> "21. There shall be no time limits or specified themes for the general debate but the General Assembly will indicate a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement."

21. The General Committee also draws the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions strongly discouraging the practice of expressing congratulations inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech has been delivered. In this connection, the Committee recommends to the Assembly that speakers in the general debate, after delivering their statements, leave the General Assembly Hall through room GA-200, located behind the podium, before returning to their seats.

G. Explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and length of statements

22. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 19), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 6 to 8 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which read as follows:

> "6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.
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> "7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.
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> "8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

23. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 20), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that points of order be

limited to five minutes in line with time limits for explanations of vote and right of reply.

24. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee, in connection with the length of statements, draws the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 51/241, which reads as follows:

> "22. Outside the general debate there shall be a fifteen-minute time limit in plenary meetings and in the Main Committees."

25. In this connection, the Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/241 (A/52/855), in particular to paragraph 23, which reads as follows:

> "23. *Paragraph 22.* Since in plenary meetings the length of statements in debates other than the general debate averages eight minutes, the General Assembly may wish to review the recommendation contained in paragraph 22."

26. Furthermore, in connection with the length of statements, with a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as a cost-saving measure, the General Committee draws the attention of the Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and to paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto for appropriate action in plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees.

H. Records of meetings

27. The General Committee took note of the fact that, as at past sessions, during the fifty-sixth session verbatim records will continue to be provided for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and the meetings of the First Committee, and summary records will be provided to the General Committee and the Main Committees of the Assembly (see A/BUR/56/1, para. 22).

28. In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, para. 108 (b)), the General Committee recommends that the Assembly maintain for the fifty-sixth session the practice whereby the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) may obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings or portions thereof. Such transcriptions, which would not be part of the official records of the Committee, would be provided as the required services became available.

29. Furthermore, the General Committee draws the Assembly's attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, which read as follows:

> "8. *Decides* that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents shall be discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records;
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> "9. *Decides further* that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body

decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents".

In this connection, the General Committee also recommends to the Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee be maintained for the fifty-sixth session.

I. Concluding statements

30. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 24), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers".

J. Resolutions

31. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 25), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401, which reads as follows:

> "32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted".

32. Furthermore, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 26), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts,[1] which reads as follows:

> "(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question".

33. In this connection, the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of its resolution 48/264, which reads as follows:

> "5. *Encourages* Member States to exercise restraint in making proposals requesting new reports of the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the desirability of reducing the number of such reports".

34. The General Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15/Amend.1, annex VIII), which read:

> "1. Without prejudice to Article 18 of the Charter of the United Nations and with a view to facilitating the work of the United Nations, including whenever possible, the adoption by the General Assembly of agreed texts of

resolutions and decisions, informal consultations should be carried out with the widest possible participation of Member States.

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"10. Resolutions should request observations from States or reports by the Secretary-General insofar as they are likely to facilitate the implementation of the resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

K. Documentation

35. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 29), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401, which reads as follows:

"28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

36. Also on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1/Add.1, para. 29 bis), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the annex to its decision 55/488 of 7 September 2001, which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly, while reaffirming paragraph 28 of annex VI to its rules of procedure, reiterates that the terms 'takes note of' and 'notes' are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval."

37. The General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264, which reads as follows:

"6. *Emphasizes* that reports requested of the Secretary-General should be made available in all official languages in a timely manner in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and the annexes thereto with a view to enabling delegations to consider the substance of such reports more thoroughly in advance of meetings."

The Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 5 of section C of resolution 54/248 of 23 December 1999, in which the Assembly once again requested the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation is available in accordance with the six-week rule for the distribution of documents simultaneously in the six official languages of the Assembly.

38. The General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, which reads as follows:

"32. The number of reports requested shall be rationalized where possible so as to permit more focused consideration of issues. All bodies shall exercise restraint in making proposals containing requests for new reports and should consider integrating, biennializing or triennializing the presentation of reports, bearing in mind paragraphs 6 and 7 of General Assembly resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995."

39. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1/Add.1, para. 31 bis), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 15 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

> "15. Member States need to take concrete action to implement paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, including by requesting more integrated reports."

40. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 31 ter), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 17 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

> "17. Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines."

L. Questions relating to the programme budget

41. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, paras. 32 and 33), who referred to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 12 and 13 of its decision 34/401, which read as follows:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work;
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> "13. Furthermore:
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> "(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> "(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
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> "(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary organs which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
>
> "(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications".

42. The General Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

> "6 *Decides* that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being

considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

43. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 32), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to regulation 5.9 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8; first adopted in resolution 37/234, annex; most recently amended in section III of resolution 53/207), which reads as follows:

"*Regulation 5.9.* No council, commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

44. In connection with subparagraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401 quoted above, the General Committee wishes to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the observations of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, paras. 34 and 35) regarding the fact that, depending on the type and complexity of proposals involving changes in the work programme and additional expenditures, the preparation of a statement of programme budget implications by the Secretary-General may take a few days. In addition, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee need adequate time to review the programme budget implications of a draft resolution before it can be acted on by the Assembly. The Secretary-General thus considers it desirable that Member States submit proposals involving statements of programme budget implications sufficiently in advance to avoid the cancellation of meetings and the postponement of consideration of items.

45. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 36), the General Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters, which states that the Assembly:

"1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

"2. *Reaffirms also* the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

"3. *Expresses its concern* at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

"4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters".

The General Committee further draws the attention of the General Assembly to its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, in which it reaffirmed the provisions of the aforementioned resolution.

M. Observances and commemorative meetings

46. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 37), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that, with the exception of the anniversary of the United Nations, the Assembly adopt a format for commemorative meetings that includes statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the chairmen of the five regional groups and the representative of the host country. The Committee also recommends that consideration be given to limiting each statement to 15 minutes.

47. The General Committee further recommends, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 38), that observances and commemorative meetings take place, to the extent possible, immediately following the general debate. The advantage of such a procedure is that it may facilitate the participation of dignitaries attending the general debate. This procedure would also allow advance planning of the work of the General Assembly.

N. Special conferences

48. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 39), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences,[2] which reads as follows:

> "The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

The recommendation was adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405.

49. The General Committee also draws the Assembly's attention to recommendation 2 (d) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts,[1] which reads as follows:

> "(d) Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."

50. Furthermore, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 40), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts,[1] which reads as follows:

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[2] Ibid., *Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/34/32).

"The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

O. Meetings of subsidiary organs

51. In the light of recommendations submitted by the Committee on Conferences (A/56/322) and on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the following subsidiary organs be authorized to meet during the main part of the fifty-sixth session:

(a) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(b) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;

(c) Resumed first session of the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

52. The General Committee wishes to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the fact that, as indicated in paragraph 7 of its resolution 55/245 B, a resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001.

III. Adoption of the agenda

53. The General Committee considered the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session submitted by the Secretary-General in his memorandum (A/BUR/56/1 and Add.1). All the items contained in the draft agenda formed part of the following documents or were added to the draft agenda as a result of General Assembly resolutions or decisions:

(a) Provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session (A/56/150);

(b) Supplementary list of items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-sixth session (A/56/200);

(c) General Assembly resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001;

(d) General Assembly decision 55/402 B of 7 September 2001.

54. The General Committee took note of paragraphs 4 and 5 (a) and (c) of annex I to resolution 48/264, which read as follows:

"4. There shall be periodic reviews of the agenda, taking into account the views of concerned Member States, in order to ascertain whether it is possible to delete any item on which no resolution or decision has been adopted for a period of time.

"5. The Main Committees should be encouraged to continue with the review of their respective agendas, taking into account, inter alia, the following:

"(a) Agenda items concerning issues of closely related substance could be merged within a single agenda title or be incorporated as sub-items where this is possible without loss of focus on the items/sub-items concerned;

...

"(c) Biennialization and triennialization of items on the agenda of the Main Committees could be considered in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly."

55. In this connection, the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 23 to 26 of the annex to resolution 51/241. In addition, bearing in mind the extremely heavy workload of the Assembly and the need to make the most effective use of scarce resources, the General Committee took note of the suggestion by the Secretary-General to consider deferring to a later session items for which decisions or action were not required at the main part of the present session.

56. The General Committee took note of paragraphs 3 to 6 and 8 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which read as follows:

"3. All cooperation items shall be clustered under an item entitled 'Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations' and individual cooperation items shall become sub-items of that item.

"4. Practical measures to implement the clustering shall be taken in September 2001 by the General Assembly in conjunction with the adoption of the agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

"5. The cooperation items shall be biennialized, starting at the fifty-seventh session, and shall appear in the agenda of the Assembly thereafter at odd-numbered sessions.

"6. Pursuant to the above decision, the biennialization shall be reflected in each related resolution, starting at the fifty-sixth session, as appropriate.

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"8. Any resolution under individual sub-items shall remain separate."

57. The General Committee also took note of paragraphs 10 and 11 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which read as follows:

"10. The following items shall be considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session and thereafter biennially:

"(a) Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic;

"(b) Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies;

"(c) United Nations reform: measures and proposals;

"(d) The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti;

"(e) Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields.

"11. The following item shall continue to be considered biennially, at even-numbered sessions: Elimination of coercive measures as a means of political and economic compulsion."

58. The General Committee took note of General Assembly decision 49/426 of 9 December 1994, whereby the Assembly decided that the granting of observer status in the Assembly should in future be confined to States and to those intergovernmental organizations whose activities cover matters of interest to the Assembly (see also para. 76).

59. With regard to items 21 to 32 of the draft agenda, concerning cooperation, the General Committee, in the light of resolution 55/285, decided to recommend the inclusion of a new item 21, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", items 21 to 32 of the draft agenda becoming sub-items (a) to (l) of new item 21.

60. With regard to item 106 of the draft agenda (Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India), the General Committee decided to recommend that the consideration of the item be deferred to the fifty-seventh session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

61. In connection with item 182 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion.

62. With regard to item 183 of the draft agenda (Observance of the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion.

63. In connection with item 184 of the draft agenda (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion as sub-item (m) of item 21 (Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations).

64. With regard to item 185 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion.

65. In connection with item 186 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion.

66. With regard to item 187 of the draft agenda (International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion.

67. In connection with item 188 of the draft agenda (Need to examine the exceptional international situation pertaining to the Republic of China on Taiwan, to ensure that the fundamental right of its twenty-three million people to participate in

the work and activities of the United Nations is fully respected), the General Committee decided not to recommend its inclusion.

68. With regard to item 189 of the draft agenda (Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion.

69. In connection with item 190 of the draft agenda (Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion.

70. Taking into account paragraphs 53 to 69 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:[3]

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Finland (P. 1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P. 2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly (P. 3):
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P. 4).
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    (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission;

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(o) Regional disarmament;

(p) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(q) Illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons;

(r) Nuclear disarmament;

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(d) Convention on Biological Diversity;

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IV. Allocation of items

71. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1, para. 47), the General Committee draws the Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

72. The General Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 3 of annex I to resolution 48/264 and to the relevant paragraphs of resolutions 39/88 B and 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes VII and VIII). Paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 39/88 B reads as follows:

> "5. The Chairmen of the Main Committees should take the initiative, in the light of past experience, to propose the grouping of similar or related items and the holding of a single general debate on them."

Paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 45/45 reads as follows:

> "6. In making recommendations as to how agenda items should be allocated to the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly, the General Committee should ensure the best use of the expertise of the Committees."

73. In this connection, the General Committee further draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I to resolution 48/264, which read as follows:

> "2. Agenda items which are of a nature that relates to more than one Main Committee or which do not come within the purview of any Main Committee should be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meeting, taking into account the recommendations of the General Committee.
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> ..."

"5. The Main Committees should be encouraged to continue with the review of their respective agendas, taking into account, inter alia, the following:

...

"(b) Items that cover related matters or issues could be considered in agreed clusters;

...

"(d) The existing broad division of work among the Main Committees should be maintained."

74. The General Committee also wishes to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 24 of the annex to resolution 51/241, which reads as follows:

"24. The General Assembly shall take further steps to rationalize and streamline the agenda ... and in particular shall make greater use of clustering, biennialization or triennialization of agenda items. Items that could be considered at a later session shall be identified, taking into account the priorities set by the medium-term plan."

75. The General Committee took note of paragraph 12 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

"12. The following item shall be considered by the Third Committee starting at the fifty-sixth session: 'Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly'."

76. The General Committee took note of paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution 54/195 of 17 December 1999, which state that the Assembly:

"2. *Decides also* that, in future, any request by an organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly will be considered in plenary session after the consideration of the issue by the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly;

"3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to bring to the attention of all the States Members of the General Committee and General Assembly the criteria and procedures laid down by the General Assembly whenever a request is made by an organization seeking observer status in the General Assembly;"

(see also para. 58).

77. Taking into account the recommendations in section III above regarding the adoption of the agenda, the General Committee approved the allocation of items contained in paragraph 60 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1 and Add.1), with the modifications recommended in paragraphs 78 to 83 below.

78. **Plenary meetings**

(a) **Item 10** (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization). The General Committee decided to recommend to the

General Assembly that, as was done at previous sessions, it heard a brief presentation by the Secretary-General on his annual report[4] as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate. The General Committee also decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

> "14. As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action, as provided for in paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241."

(b) **Item 18** (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples). The General Committee decided to recommend that the Assembly refer to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee[5] relating to specific Territories so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

(c) **Item 21** (Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations). The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 55/285, in which the Assembly decided that a joint debate should be held on the cooperation items, during which all or some aspects of cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations might be addressed.

(d) **Item 25** (United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations). The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 55/23 of 13 November 2000, by which it decided to devote two days of plenary meetings at the fifty-sixth session, on 3 and 4 December 2001, to the consideration of the item, including consideration of any follow-up measures, and commemoration of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

(e) **Item 45** (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

(f) **Item 62** (Question of Cyprus). The General Committee decided to recommend that the Assembly allocate the item at an appropriate time during the session.

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[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/55/1).

[5] Ibid., *Supplement No. 23* (A/55/23).

(g) **Item 171** (Observance of the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(h) **Item 175** (Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting.

79. **First Committee**

Item 74 (General and complete disarmament). The General Committee decided to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/56/313), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 74.

80. **Second Committee**

Item 97 (c) (High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership). The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 55/193 of 20 December 2000, and to the decision taken at the first plenary meeting of the fifty-sixth session, on 12 September 2001, regarding the dates of the high-level dialogue, to the effect that the high-level dialogue would be held on 20 and 21 September 2001, and that it would consist of plenary meetings, ministerial round-table meetings and informal panels, with the participation of non-governmental actors, and that the final outcome of the dialogue would be a summary by the President, to be presented at the closure of the event.

81. **Third Committee**

(a) **Item 27** (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly, in the light of resolution 55/285, that the item be allocated to the Third Committee.

(b) **Item 108** (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family). The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 55/57 of 4 December 2000, in which the Assembly decided that two plenary meetings of the fifty-sixth session would be devoted to volunteering, to coincide with the close of the International Year of Volunteers on 5 December 2001.

(c) **Item 112** (Advancement of women). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 99 (Operational activities for development).

82. **Fifth Committee**

Item 169 (Administration of justice at the United Nations). The General Committee decided to defer its recommendation on the allocation of the item.

83. **Sixth Committee**

(a) **Item 170** (Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(b) **Item 172** (Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(c) **Item 173** (Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(d) **Item 174** (International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(e) **Item 176** (Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

84. Taking into account paragraphs 71 to 83 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following allocation of items:[6]

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Finland (D. 1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (D. 2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly (D. 3):
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (D. 4).
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (D. 5).
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (D. 6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (D. 7).
8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (D. 8).
9. General debate (D. 9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (D. 10) (see para. 78 (a)).
11. Report of the Security Council (D. 11).

[6] The numbering in parentheses used in the allocation of items follows the draft agenda in section III above (para. 70); (D) stands for "draft agenda".

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I to VI, chapter VII, sections A to C, and chapters VIII and IX (D. 12)[7]

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (D. 13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (D. 14) (see para. 79).

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (D. 15):

    (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

    (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

    (c) Election of a member of the International Court of Justice.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (D. 16):

    (a) Election of the members of the International Law Commission;

    (b) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

    (c) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

    (d) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (D. 17):[8]

    (g) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

    (h) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

    (i) Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (D. 18) (see para. 78 (b)).

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (D. 19).

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (D. 20):

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

    (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

    (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

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[7] The chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council listed below would be referred also to Main Committees as follows:
(a) Chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX: Second, Third and Fifth Committees;
(b) Chap. II: Second Committee;
(c) Chaps. III-V and VII (section A): Second and Third Committees.

[8] For sub-items (a) to (f), see Fifth Committee, item 41.

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development;

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(f) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

21. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations (D. 21) (see para. 78 (c)):

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P. 21);

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie (P. 22);

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe (P. 23);

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P. 24);

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P. 25);

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (P. 26);

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States (P. 27);

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization (P. 28);

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (P. 29);

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P. 30);

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (P. 31);

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (P. 32);

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum (P. 184).

22. Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (D. 22).

23. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal (D. 23).

24. Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects (D. 24).

25. United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations (D. 25) (see para. 78 (d)).

26. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children (D. 26).

27. Culture of peace (D. 28).

28. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (D. 29).

29. Oceans and the law of the sea (D. 30):

    (a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

    (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

30. University for Peace (D. 31).

31. Multilingualism (D. 32).

32. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (D. 33).

33. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (D. 34).

34. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies (D. 35).

35. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (D. 36).

36. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict (D. 37).

37. Assistance in mine action (D. 38).

38. Towards global partnerships (D. 39).

39. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (D. 40).

40. Question of Palestine (D. 41).

41. The situation in the Middle East (D. 42).

42. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (D. 43).

43. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (D. 44).

44. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (D. 45) (see para. 78 (e)).

45. The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence (D. 46).

46. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (D. 47).

47. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (D. 48).

48. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters (D. 49).

49. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (D. 50).

50. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (D. 51).

51. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (D. 52).

52. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (D. 53).

53. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (D. 54).

54. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (D. 55).

55. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (D. 56).

56. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (D. 57).

57. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (D. 58).

58. Strengthening of the United Nations system (D. 59).

59. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (D. 60).

60. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (D. 61).

61. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo (D. 63).

62. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (D. 97):

    (c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership.

63. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (D. 108).

64. Observance of the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict (D. 171) (see para. 78 (g)).

65. Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula (D. 175) (see para. 78 (l)).

First Committee

1. Reduction of military budgets (D. 64):
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.
2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (D. 65).
3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (D. 66).
4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (D. 67).
5. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe (D. 68).
6. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (D. 69).
7. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (D. 70).
8. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (D. 71).
9. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (D. 72).
10. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (D. 73).
11. General and complete disarmament (D. 74) (see para. 79):
    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
    (b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;
    (c) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
    (d) Missiles;
    (e) Preservation of and compliance with the Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems;
    (f) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda;
    (g) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;
    (h) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;
    (i) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
    (j) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(k) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(l) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(m) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(n) Reducing nuclear danger;

(o) Regional disarmament;

(p) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(q) Illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons;

(r) Nuclear disarmament;

(s) Transparency in armaments;

(t) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(u) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(v) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(w) Small arms.

12. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (D. 75):

(a) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(b) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(e) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific.

13. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (D. 76):

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

14. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (D. 77).

15. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (D. 78).

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (D. 79).

17. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (D. 80).

18. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (D. 81).

19. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (D. 82).

20. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements (D. 83).

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (D. 84).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1. Effects of atomic radiation (D. 85).

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (D. 86).

3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (D. 87).

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (D. 88).

5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (D. 89).

6. Questions relating to information (D. 90).

7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (D. 91).

8. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (D. 92).

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (D. 93).

10. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter VII, section D) (D. 12).

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (D. 94).

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (D. 18) (see para. 78 (b)).

13. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (D. 45) (see para. 78 (e)).

Second Committee

1. Macroeconomic policy questions (D. 95):
   (a) Trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) Science and technology for development;
   (d) External debt crisis and development.
2. Sectoral policy questions (D. 96):
   (a) Business and development;
   (b) Industrial development cooperation.
3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (D. 97):
   (a) Women in development;
   (b) Human resources development;
   (c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (see para. 80);
   (d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade.
4. Environment and sustainable development (D. 98):
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21;
   (b) International strategy for disaster reduction;
   (c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa;
   (d) Convention on Biological Diversity;
   (e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   (f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;
   (g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005.
5. Operational activities for development (D. 99) (see para. 81 (c)):
   (a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
   (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

6. International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues (D. 100).

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (D. 101).

8. Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic (D. 102).

9. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (D. 103).

10. Training and research (D. 104).

11. Globalization and interdependence (D. 105).

12. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (D. 106):

    (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

    (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.

13. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (D. 107).

14. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I to V, chapter VII, sections A to C and E to H, and chapter IX) (D. 12).[9]

Third Committee

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (D. 108) (see para. 81 (b)).

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (D. 109).

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice (D. 110).

4. International drug control (D. 111).

5. Advancement of women (D. 112) (see para. 81 (c)).

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (D. 113).

[9] The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX: plenary meetings and Third and Fifth Committees;

(b) Chap. II: plenary meetings;

(c) Chaps. III-V and VII (sect. A): plenary meetings and Third Committee.

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (D. 114).

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (D. 115).

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (D. 116).

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (D. 117).

11. Right of peoples to self-determination (D. 118).

12. Human rights questions (D. 119):

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I and III to V, chapter VII, sections A to C and I, and chapter IX) (D. 12).[10]

14. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (D. 27) (see para. 81 (a)).

Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (D. 120):

    (a) United Nations peacekeeping operations;

    (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (D. 121).

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (D. 122).

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (D. 123).

5. Pattern of conferences (D. 124).

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[10] The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX: plenary meetings and Second and Fifth Committees;

(b) Chaps. III-V and VII (sect. A): plenary meetings and Second Committee.

6. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (D. 125).

7. Human resources management (D. 126).

8. United Nations common system (D. 127).

9. Joint Inspection Unit (D. 128).

10. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (D. 129).

11. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (D. 130).

12. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (D. 131).

13. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (D. 132).

14. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (D. 133).

15. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East (D. 134):

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

16. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (D. 135).

17. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (D. 136).

18. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (D. 137).

19. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (D. 138).

20. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (D. 139):

    (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

    (b) Other activities.

21. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (D. 140).

22. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (D. 141).

23. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (D. 142).

24. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (D. 143).

25. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (D. 144).

26. Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (D. 145).

27. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (D. 146).

28. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II (D. 147).

29. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (D. 148).

30. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (D. 149).

31. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (D. 150).

32. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (D. 151).

33. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (D. 152).

34. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (D. 153).

35. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (D. 154).

36. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group (D. 155).

37. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (D. 156).

38. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (D. 157).

39. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (D. 158).

40. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter I, chapter VII, sections B and C, and chapter IX) (D. 12).[11]

41. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (D. 17):[12]

    (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

    (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

    (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

    (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

    (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

    (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission.

[11] The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Third Committees, as follows: chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX: plenary meetings, Second and Third Committees.

[12] For sub-items (g) to (i), see plenary meetings, item 17.

Sixth Committee

1. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (D. 159).

2. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (D. 160).

3. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session (D. 161).

4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session (D. 162).

5. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (D. 163).

6. Establishment of the International Criminal Court (D. 164).

7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (D. 165).

8. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (D. 166).

9. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (D. 167).

10. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly (D. 168).

11. Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly (D. 170) (see para. 83 (a)).

12. Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly (D. 172) (see para. 83 (b)).

13. Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly (D. 173) (see para. 83 (c)).

14. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings (D. 174) (see para. 83 (d)).

15. Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly (D. 176) (see para. 83 (e)).